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RE:

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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

Please support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens.

This practice, which includes starving hens for very long periods of time, is cruel and unnecessary. Great Britain banned this practice in 1987. Most European countries do not permit food deprivation for more then 24 hours. Please stop this barbaric practice and introduce laws to protect these animals from cruelty.

In addition, protect the male chickens which are now killed by suffocation and other abusive practices.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

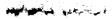
Yours truly,

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